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| Application of: Muhanna, et al. | Group Art Unit: 3733 |
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| Title: Ball Jointed Pedicle Screw and Rod System | Docket No. M112 1140.1 Customer No. 26158 |

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.